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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING ANTIBODIES AGAINST A
POLYPEPTIDE, THE NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING WHICH IS
KNOWN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please **amend the title** to read as follows:

--PROCESS FOR PREPARING ANTIBODIES AGAINST A POLYPEPTIDE
IN WHICH THE NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING THE PEPTIDE IS KNOWN--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend claims 1-18** as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for producing antibodies which
react specifically with a polypeptide, wherein the nucleic acid
encoding the polypeptide is known, wherein:

(a) the DNA encoding the polypeptide is expressed in a host
cell which is derived from a mammal using a vector which
possesses at least one sequence encoding a detection